

DB Orthopedic Institute
5023 North Illinois Street, Fairview Heights, Illinois 62208

Debra Savage, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Metroeast Endoscopic Surgery Center, Project No. 20-17

Dear Ms. Savage:

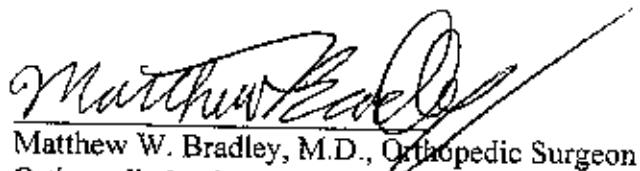
I am a board certified Illinois licensed orthopedic physician practicing in the Metroeast region. I am writing in support of Metroeast Endoscopic Surgery Center's application to expand its privileging at its existing ambulatory surgical treatment center in Fairview Heights, Illinois to orthopedic surgery.

Over the past twelve months, I performed 49 outpatient surgical procedures on Illinois patients residing in the Metroeast area at the Apollo Surgery Center at 10012 Manchester Road, St. Louis, MO. The zip code data for these patients is attached as Exhibit A. Outpatient surgical procedures will constitute the majority of my work in the future and I plan to perform these 49 cases, if not more, at Metroeast Endoscopic Surgery Center going forward. Though I previously did cases at Hospital Sisters hospitals when I was employed by Dr. Ungacta's medical practice, I am no longer employed by Dr. Ungacta. Relatedly, during the past twelve months, I primarily referred cases to surgery centers in Missouri due to the fact that there is no meaningful option for me to do my cases for my Illinois patients at an Illinois freestanding ambulatory surgery center. In the metro Chicago region, approximately half of outpatient orthopedic cases are performed in ASCs, yet Metroeast residents must leave the state for this option. This is a clear health care access disparity for this southern Illinois region.

My promised referrals have not been used to support another pending or approved certificate of need application.


The information in this letter is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I support the expansion of services at Metroeast Endoscopic Surgery Center.


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Subscribed and sworn to me this 18th
day of September, 2020



Notary Public



Exhibit A

Patient Count	Zip	City	State
2	62025	Edwardsville	IL
1	62034	Glen Carbon	IL
1	62040	Granite City	IL
1	62086	Sorento	IL
3	62216	Aviston	IL
2	62218	Bartelso	IL
1	62226	Belleville	IL
1	62230	Breese	IL
2	62231	Carlyle	IL
1	62232	Caseyville	IL
1	62233	Chester	IL
1	62241	Ellis Grove	IL
1	62242	Evansville	IL
2	62246	Greenville	IL
7	62249	Highland	IL
1	62253	Keyesport	IL
1	62258	Mascoutah	IL
1	62262	Mulberry Grove	IL
1	62269	O Fallon	IL
1	62282	Saint Libory	IL
1	62288	Steeleville	IL
1	62293	Trenton	IL
1	62294	Troy	IL
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3	62801	Centralia	IL
1	62822	Christopher	IL
1	62824	Clay City	IL
1	62901	Carbondale	IL
1	62910	Brookport	IL
1	62948	Herrin	IL
1	62951	Johnston City	IL
1	62952	Jonesboro	IL
1	62959	Marion	IL
1	62965	Muddy	IL
1	62966	Murphysboro	IL